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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE #12 (SO12)

(Conflict Reduced in Mindanao and Other Areas Vulnerable to Violence)



A FISH STORY: With assistance from the USAID-funded Growth with Equity in Mindanao (GEM) Program and the International Fund For Agricultural Development (IFAD), humback groupers and other high value finfish are being raised, harvested and sold to lucrative markets by former Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) combatants in Tawi-Tawi. To date, close to 1,000 former fighters have been trained by GEM's Target Commodity Expansion Program (TCEP) in aquaculture farming. About 350 growers have already sold their first production of grouper.

GEM Program

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